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# Carl Zeiss Surgical take-over: Court of appeal to resolve matter finally

Shareholders continuing to block take-over, challenging the ruling of the Gera District Court and the will of the majority of Carl Zeiss Meditec shareholders - Decision by Jena Higher Regional Court required

(Jena, 20 September 2006) Some shareholders are continuing their blocking strategy and are once again trying to delay the take-over of Carl Zeiss Surgical by Carl Zeiss Meditec AG (ISIN DE0005313704). A total of seven shareholders, who had originally submitted a legal challenge to the transaction back in April, lodged an immediate appeal with the Jena Higher Regional Court to challenge the decision of the Gera District Court.

In its ruling on 21 August, the Gera District Court rejected all actions as unfounded and also approved the so-called release procedure ("Freigabeantrag") applied for by Carl Zeiss Meditec, stating that the actions were evidently unfounded.

The Company will take all necessary actions on its behalf in order to close on the take-over of Carl Zeiss Surgical before the end of the 2006 calendar year. At the heart of this transaction is a capital increase, which will allow all shareholders of the company to purchase new Carl Zeiss Meditec shares at a subscription price of € 10.10.

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### **Brief Profile**

Built on an unparalleled 150-year heritage of optical innovation, Carl Zeiss Meditec AG (International Securities Identification Number DE000531370) is one of the world's leading eye care solutions providers.

Its product line includes systems for the diagnosis and treatment of the four main diseases of the eye: vision defects (refraction), cataracts, glaucoma and retinal disorders. The company has incorporated its technological expertise into a stream of product innovations throughout the years, from slit lamps and fundus cameras; to the Humphrey® Field Analyzer, recognized as the global standard for glaucoma detection and management; to its newest applications of lasers as embodied in its leading-edge MEL-80™ refractive laser and innovative STRATUSoct™ device for glaucoma diagnosis. Since 2005, the company has also been present in the market for intraocular lenses and consumables, and now covers almost the entire value chain of ophthalmic surgery. The company is looking to continue its profitable growth in the future. The planned acquisition of Carl Zeiss Surgical is intended to further supplement the eye surgery product portfolio and to open up additional growth prospects in neuro and ENT surgery. Carl Zeiss Surgical is the leading provider of visualisation solutions in the world in both these fields.

Carl Zeiss Meditec AG is based in Jena, Germany, with subsidiaries in Pirmasens, Germany (Carl Zeiss Meditec Systems GmbH), the USA (Carl Zeiss Meditec, Inc.), Japan (Carl Zeiss Meditec Co. Ltd.) and France (IOLTECH S.A.). The rapidly aging global population and other trends are expected to grow the ophthalmic market in the long term. The company is focused on applying innovative optical technologies to protect and enhance vision now and into the future.

35 percent of Carl Zeiss Meditec shares are in free float. The remaining 65 percent are held by Carl Zeiss, one of the world's leading international groups engaged in the optical and opto-electronics industry.

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